

REMARKS

Claims 19-22 and 31-39 have been examined. Claim 22 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), and claim 19 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Also, the Examiner has allowed claims 20, 21, and 31-39.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claim 22 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, because the phrase “said rolled metal plate” lacks antecedent basis. Applicants submit that the amendments to the claim overcome the rejection.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 2,860,328 to Langworthy (“Langworthy”)

Claim 22 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Langworthy. Since claim 22 contains features that are similar to some of the allowable subject matter in claim 31, Applicants submit that the claim is patentable.

III. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over JP 09-291718 (“JP ‘718”) and JP 11-255587 (“JP ‘587”)

Claim 19 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP’ 718 and JP ‘587. Since claim 19 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, the rejection is moot.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

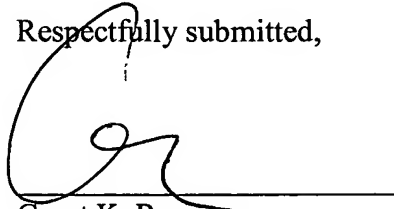
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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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